

**From:** [Masters, Barbara](#)  
**To:** [Penry, Charles](#); [Mika, Matt](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Tyson Foods PPE/Sanitation Needs Follow-up Based on CDC Call Yesterday  
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We are at least being heard. I said thanks for now.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "SM.OSEC.Foodsupplychain" <Foodsupplychain@usda.gov>  
**Date:** April 3, 2020 at 7:15:23 PM EDT  
**To:** "Masters, Barbara" <Barbara.Masters@tyson.com>  
**Cc:** "Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC" <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - RE: Tyson Foods PPE/Sanitation Needs Follow-up Based on CDC Call Yesterday

Hi Barb –

I apologize for the delay replying to this. I want to let you know that USDA did work to communicate this message throughout this week on behalf of the food supply chain.

We are taking every action to inform FEMA of the need for PPE in the food supply chain and build considerations for the food supply chain into their greater supply chain efforts.

I've copied my email address here. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to discuss Tyson's next steps after the WH announcement today or any other issues related to the food supply chain.

Mary Dee Beal

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**From:** Masters, Barbara <Barbara.Masters@tyson.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:24 PM  
**To:** SM.OSEC.Foodsupplychain <Foodsupplychain@usda.gov>  
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We appreciate the opportunity to make you aware of critical PPE supply shortages to will share with FEMA. We understand that you do not have access to the supplies and are not ensuring our access but trying to better advise FEMA where critical needs are most urgently required to ensure worker safety and protect the food supply. After we submitted our request yesterday, we became aware that CDC may be reversing their position on protective face coverings, especially for critical infrastructure workers. We understand they may suggest some type of protective facial covering (less than

required for health care workers) to protect employees from respiratory droplets.

If this becomes reality, we (and all of the critical infrastructure) will need these supplies. If CDC makes this a recommendation, we will be compelled to provide this additional protection to our employees. In absence of supply, our critical infrastructure business (and likely) much of the food supply would not be able to operate without the necessary PPE. We currently have 116,000 team members that would require these protective facial coverings on a daily basis. Obviously, depending on the durability and re-usability of the equipment and the length of time needed this would determine the total demand by our company.



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